

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Civil Action No. _____

EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION;)

ASHLAND, INC.; EURECAT U.S.,)

INCORPORATED; AKZO NOBEL, INC.;)

FLINT HILLS RESOURCES, LP; IRVING)

OIL LIMITED; CONOCOPHILLIPS)

COMPANY; TEXACO, INC.; CHEVRON)

U.S.A., INC.,)

Defendants.)

_____)

COMPLAINT

The United States of America ("United States"), by authority of the Attorney General and through the undersigned attorneys, acting at the request of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), files this Complaint and alleges as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is a civil action under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for recovery of response costs incurred by the United States in response to the release or threat of release and disposal of hazardous substances at the Many Diversified Interests, Inc. Site, at Operable Unit One ("OU-1" or "OU-1 property"), located in Houston, Texas. The Complaint also seeks a declaratory judgment, pursuant to Section 113(g)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §

9613(g)(2), on liability that will be binding in future actions to recover further costs incurred at or in connection with OU-1, and, interest on response costs incurred in connection with OU-1, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607(a) and 9613(b).

3. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) and 42 U.S.C. § 9613(b), because the claims arose in this judicial district and the property or area subject to this action is located in this judicial district.

DEFENDANTS

4. Defendant Exxon Company, now known as Exxon Mobil Corporation (“Exxon Mobil”), is a New Jersey corporation. At times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant conducted business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district.

5. Defendant Eurecat U.S., Incorporated (“Eurecat”) is a New Jersey corporation. At times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant conducted business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district.

6. Defendant Akzo Nobel, Inc. (“Akzo Nobel”) is a Delaware corporation. Based upon information and belief, at times relevant to this Complaint, Akzo Nobel conducted business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district or conducted such business in conjunction with Defendant Eurecat.

7. Defendant Flint Hills Resources, LP (“Flint Hills”) is a Delaware limited partnership. Defendant Flint Hills Resources, LP is the successor by name change and/or merger

to Koch Petroleum Group, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, Koch Refining Company, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and Koch Refining Company, a Delaware corporation. At times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant conducted business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district.

8. Defendant ConocoPhillips Company (“ConocoPhillips”) is a Delaware corporation. At times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant conducted business in the State of Texas and, based on information and belief, in this judicial district.

9. Defendant Ashland, Inc. (“Ashland”) is a Kentucky corporation. At times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant conducted business in the State of Texas and, based on information and belief, in this judicial district.

10. Defendant Irving Oil Limited (“Irving Oil”) is a Canadian company that does business in the United States. Based upon information and belief, at times relevant to this Complaint Irving Oil conducted business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district or conducted such business in conjunction with a company based in the United States.

11. Defendant Texaco, Inc. (“Texaco”), a Delaware corporation, was acquired by Chevron Corporation, a Delaware corporation, on October 15, 2001, with ChevronTexaco Corporation, a Delaware corporation, as the surviving corporation. On May 9, 2005, ChevronTexaco Corporation changed its name to Chevron Corporation. Chevron Corporation’s major operating subsidiary in the United States, Chevron U.S.A., Inc., is a Pennsylvania corporation. At times relevant to this Complaint, Texaco and Chevron U.S.A., Inc. conducted business in the State of Texas, and, based on information and belief, in this judicial district.

12. Each Defendant is a “person” as defined in Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42

U.S.C. § 9601(21).

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

13. The OU-1 portion of the Site is located at 3617 Baer Street, Houston, Texas. The Site was defined by EPA to include three operable units (OU-1, OU-2, and OU-3). The claims alleged in this Complaint relate only to OU-1.

14. OU-1 or the OU-1 property consists of approximately 36 acres and is located in a mixed residential and commercial area.

15. Between 1926 and 1991, the Texas Electric Steel Casting Company ("TESCO") owned the OU-1 property and operated a specialty steel manufacturing facility at OU-1. TESCO's facility included, among other things, two plants, various furnaces located in the plants, a warehouse, various storage tanks, and inside and outside storage areas. TESCO's operations also included the storage of scrap steel and iron at the facility and the use of these materials in its production activities.

16. In or about 1991, TESCO ceased operations at OU-1.

17. During the time TESCO owned the OU-1 property and operated there, TESCO entered into a Lease Agreement ("Agreement") with CanAm Resources Group, Inc. ("CanAm"), a Texas corporation. The Agreement allowed, among other things, CanAm's use of one of the plants previously operated by TESCO, including one or more furnaces located within that plant.

18. Between approximately 1986 and 1988, CanAm operated a business of reclaiming metals from spent catalyst on the portion of OU-1 leased from TESCO. During this period, various companies by arrangement or agreement with CanAm sent spent catalyst to OU-1, or CanAm by arrangement or agreement with such companies brought such companies' spent

catalyst to OU-1. As part of its operations at OU-1, CanAm stored drums of spent catalyst at OU-1 and processed spent catalyst to recover metals contained in the catalyst. Such metals included, but were not limited to, nickel and molybdenum.

19. In or about 1988, CanAm ceased operations and abandoned approximately 4,000-5,000 drums at OU-1. Many of the drums contained spent catalyst, and some contained flammable and corrosive liquids and other liquid waste.

20. On June 26, 1990, the Texas Water Commission ("TWC") conducted an inspection of the TESCO facility to determine the facility's compliance with Texas' solid waste regulations. Based on the inspection, TWC concluded that TESCO's noncompliance included, but was not limited to: (i) storage of waste materials at the facility in drums and (ii) areas where catalyst material had spilled or been discharged onto the ground. TWC requested that TESCO submit a compliance schedule by a specified date. TESCO did not remove the drums of catalyst or any related contaminated materials from OU-1.

21. In April 1994, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission conducted a follow-up investigation of the TESCO facility, which included performing sampling in areas of OU-1, including a drum storage area where materials had leaked or spilled from drums. Sampling revealed, among other results, elevated levels of metals, including molybdenum (lowest of the eight samples at 28,700 parts per million ("ppm") and the highest at 74,800 ppm), nickel (lowest at 223 ppm and the highest at 43,900 ppm), and lead (at least two samples at 535 ppm and 1840 ppm).

22. In September 1998, EPA determined that the primary concern regarding the drums at OU-1 was the presence of a large number of them, containing hazardous materials, in

close proximity to residential areas. EPA also determined that a number of the drums contained spent heavy catalysts, and that some drums contained corrosive, flammable and oxidizing wastes. In addition, EPA determined that some drums were in advanced stages of deterioration, and that some drums had already deteriorated to the point of discharging hazardous substances onto the ground. Further, EPA concluded that the actual or potential release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at OU-1, if not addressed, would continue to present an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health, welfare or the environment.

23. On January 19, 1999, the Site was listed on the National Priorities List.

24. Between March 10, 1999 and June 15, 1999, EPA mobilized at OU-1 to stabilize approximately 600 drums that contained flammable and corrosive liquids and liquid waste.

25. On May 18, 1999, EPA issued an Unilateral Administrative Order for Removal Response Activities ("UAO") to eleven (11) potentially responsible parties ("PRPs"). The UAO required the named PRPs to conduct a removal action that included, among other things, the removal of the drums from OU-1, disposal of said drums at an appropriate off-Site disposal facility, and removal of visibly contaminated soil in or near the drum storage areas.

26. In December 1999, the UAO PRPs submitted to EPA a final report which detailed the work performed in compliance with the UAO.

27. During the removal action under the UAO, materials removed from OU-1 and disposed of at appropriate off-Site locations included, but were not limited to: (i) crushed drums, 95.1 tons, (ii) catalyst with soil, 410.46 tons, (iii) catalyst, 1055.98 tons, and (iv) inorganic liquid, 40.61 tons or 3 tanker trucks. The PRPs' final report for the removal action stated that numerous drums removed from OU-1 had catalyst, which contained nickel, and that soil removed was

contaminated with nickel.

28. On November 28, 2003, EPA completed a Remedial Investigation ("RI"), which investigated the extent of contamination at OU-1, including a former drum storage area and other areas where drums of catalyst and piles of catalyst were found. The RI concluded, among other things, that soil at OU-1 was contaminated with lead, and that groundwater was contaminated with molybdenum, benzo(a)pyrene, total petroleum hydrocarbons, and other hazardous substances.

29. On July 30, 2004, EPA issued a Record of Decision ("ROD") that selected a remedy for OU-1.

30. On March 26, 2006, EPA and Clinton Gregg Investments, Ltd. ("CGI"), which acquired the OU-1 property through an auction in a bankruptcy proceeding, entered into an Agreed Order on Consent and Covenant Not to Sue ("Agreed Order"). Under the Agreed Order, CGI agreed to implement the long-term remedy selected in the ROD.

31. CGI completed implementation of the remedy in early 2008 and continues to monitor contaminated groundwater pursuant to the ROD.

32. The United States has incurred unreimbursed response costs in the amount of at least \$4,672,199 in connection with OU-1 under Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, and continues to incur costs. The United States' response costs were incurred in a manner not inconsistent with the National Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 C.F.R. Part 300. Pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), the United States is entitled to recover interest on such costs at the same rate as is specified for interest on investments of the Hazardous Substance Superfund established under subchapter A of chapter 98 of Title 26.

33. On at least two occasions, by letters dated May 6, 2002, and June 4, 2007, EPA made a demand of Defendants for payment of the response costs EPA has incurred in connection with OU-1. To date, no Defendant has reimbursed EPA for any portion of its unreimbursed past response costs.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

34. The United States realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 33 above, as if fully set forth below.

35. Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), as amended, provides in pertinent part:

Notwithstanding any other provision or rule of law, and subject only to the defenses set forth in subsection (b) of this section –

(3) any person who by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances owned or possessed by such person, by any other party or entity, at any facility or incineration vessel owned or operated by another party or entity and containing such hazardous substances . . . from which there is a release, or a threatened release which causes the incurrence of response costs, of a hazardous substance, shall be liable for --

(A) all costs of removal or remedial action incurred by the United States Government . . . not inconsistent with the national contingency plan;

36. The steel facility, including the portion used by CanAm, previously operated at OU-1 falls within the term "facility" under of Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9).

37. The catalyst materials contained in drums sent or brought to OU-1 for disposal or treatment contained metals, including, but not necessarily limited to, nickle and molybdenum,

each of which is a hazardous substance within the meaning of Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14).

38. During the approximately ten-year period when the drums were abandoned at OU-1, some drums deteriorated to the point of discharging or spilling their contents onto the ground. Drums of catalyst materials were uncovered or had no lid, and such drums were subject to weather conditions, including rain during the ten-year period of abandonment. Some drums were found to be leaking. As a result, hazardous substances in the spent catalyst contained in drums, including, but not necessarily limited to, nickel and molybdenum, were released or threatened to be released into the environment within the meaning of Section 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(22), and such hazardous substances were disposed of at OU-1 within the meaning of Section 101(29) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(29).

39. Liquid wastes found in the drums fall within the definition of hazardous wastes as designated under 40 C.F.R §§ 261.21-261.23, and further designated under the National Contingency Plan at 40 C.F.R. § 300.5.

40. To protect the public health, welfare and the environment from the actual or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment from OU-1, the Administrator of EPA, pursuant to Section 104(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(a), has undertaken response activities with respect to OU-1 that are not inconsistent with the NCP, including, but not limited to, investigations, monitoring, assessing, testing, and enforcement related activities.

41. During the period CanAm operated at OU-1, Exxon Mobil by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that

contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by Exxon Mobil, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

42. During the period CanAm operated at OU-1, Defendants Eurecat and Akzo Nobel by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by Eurecat and Akzo Nobel, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

43. During the period CanAm operated at OU-1, Defendant Flint Hills by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by Flint Hills, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

44. Based upon information and belief, during the period CanAm operated at OU-1, Chevron, U.S.A., Inc. by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by Chevron U.S.A., Inc., at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

45. Based upon information and belief, during the period CanAm operated at OU-1,

Texaco by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by Texaco, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

46. Based upon information and belief, during the period CanAm operated at OU-1, ConocoPhillips Company by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by ConocoPhillips, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

47. Based upon information and belief, during the period CanAm operated at OU-1, Irving Oil by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by Irving Oil, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

48. Based upon information and belief, during the period CanAm operated at OU-1, Ashland by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for the disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances, including spent catalyst that contained nickel, molybdenum or other metals, owned or possessed by Ashland, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst,

containing the same hazardous substances.

49. Each Defendant is liable under Section 107(a)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(3), as a person who by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for disposal or treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances owned or possessed by such person, at OU-1, which was the location where CanAm stored and processed spent catalyst, containing the same hazardous substances.

50. Each Defendant is jointly and severally liable for the unreimbursed response costs incurred by the United States in connection with OU-1, excluding any costs related to implementation of the remedy selected in the ROD.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the United States requests that the Court enter judgment against Defendants jointly and severally as follows:

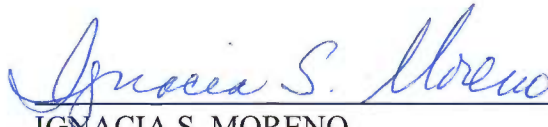
A. Order Defendants to pay unreimbursed response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States in conducting response activities in connection with OU-1, including, but not limited to removal activities, investigations, planning, oversight, and enforcement activities, but excluding any costs related to implementation of the remedy selected in the ROD.

B. Order Defendants to pay interest on all costs, as defined in A. above, as provided under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a);

C. Award the costs of this action to the United States; and

D. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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V. ORIGIN

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- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
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☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
 Comprehensive Environ., Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.

Brief description of cause:

Recovery of response costs incurred by the United States pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9607 and 9613

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

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JURY DEMAND:

☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

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